

## BCH of NEVADA – High Sierra Chapter FAVORITE RIDE/ DIRECTIONS

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| <b>Destination:</b>        | <b>TRT Tahoe City / Barker Pass</b>   |  |
| <b>Map(s) - State(s):</b>  | CA  |  |
| <b>P.O.C: Information:</b> | TRT - <a href="http://www.tahoerimtrail.org/">http://www.tahoerimtrail.org/</a>             |  |
| <b>Reservations/Fees:</b>  | None  |  |
| <b>Trailhead Info:</b>     | Established:  | Yes – with Signage   |
|                            | Parking Area Size:  | Tahoe City – large parking lot,                      Barker Pass – 6-10 rigs     |
|                            | Hitching Post:  | No   |
|                            | Corrals:  | No   |
|                            | Horse Water:  | No - bring your own for trail heads, water along the way from streams and creeks |
|                            | Dogs Allowed:   | Yes  |
| <b>Trail(s) Rating:</b>    | Intermediate/Moderate X   |  |
| <b>Trail Condition:</b>    | Good – time of year dependent – in July still had snow fields at elevation. Bridge to cross |  |

**Highway directions:**

**Barker Pass:** From Hwy 89 4.25 mi S of Tahoe City, turn W at Kaspian Beach onto Blackwood Canyon Rd. and drive 7.2 miles to dirt parking lot. Vault toilet.

**Tahoe City:** On W side of Hwy 89, just 0.25 mi S of Hwy 28, in Truckee River Access and Recreation lot. No facilities. From paved lot, follow bike path W on S bank of Truckee River for 0.4 mi then go S around USFS gate to reach the TRT.

Alternate Access: From Hwy 89 2.5 mi S of Tahoe City, turn W onto Ward Creek Blvd and drive 2.2 mi to TRT crossing.



**Trail Conditions**

Most of the trail from Barker Pass (7,650') to Tahoe City (6,300') maintains a 10% or less grade, but there are steeper sections. Snow may persist in spots well into the summer.

**Highlights**

- ▲ Abundant wildlife    ▲ Creeks and wildflowers
- ▲ Page Meadows    ▲ Views of the southern Sierras

**Segment Description**

Between Barker Pass and Tahoe City the trail dips in and out of flowery meadows and swoops around craggy volcanic peaks. The joint Tahoe Rim Trail / Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail north of Barker Pass rolls across open hillsides decorated with wildflowers. Near Twin Peaks, the TRT splits from the PCT and turns east toward Lake Tahoe. The trail soon drops steeply into thickly wooded Ward Canyon, where the scent of pine and the rustling of aspen leaves fill the air. It then meanders for a few miles past a small waterfall and alongside a gurgling creek before climbing back out of the canyon. Close to Tahoe City, lush and lovely Page Meadows provide enchanting spring and summer wildflowers, vibrant fall color and year-round wildlife watching. The trail re-enters the trees for a last downhill to the banks of the Truckee River and then the trailhead.